

First Congregational United Church
of Christ, Ypsilanti



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No matter who you are or where you are
on life's journey, you're welcome here.

April 5, 2015

10:00 am

Easter !!



*An open and affirming community
committed to peace and justice*

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP & LIFE TOGETHER: We invite you to participate in this community of faith. If you are a visitor for the first time, please fill out the welcome pad being passed around. We invite you to join us for Friendship Time (refreshments and conversation) at the conclusion of worship.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN so that they may come to understand the worship experience. Families are encouraged to talk about the parts of worship so children may understand and participate. During the worship service we have a time for children with the minister on the rug in the center of the worship space followed by Sunday school (September-May).

Hymns are found in the following books:

NCH (Black, hardcover "New Century Hymnal")
Sing! (Black, softcover, "Sing! Prayer and Praise" songbook)
ES (Green, softcover "Everflowing Streams" songbook)

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Invitation

*All people are welcome to participate in this community of faith
If you have questions about becoming a member of this church, please speak
with the Pastor or any member of the Community.*

Prelude

Steve McGhee

***Gathering Hymn**

"By Whatever Name We Call You"

560 NCH - Steve McGhee

Welcome

Wayne Burling

Guests, please complete a Visitor Card and place in the offering plate so we may have a record of your visit.

We hope you will join us for Friendship Time and refreshments after the service.

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

****Please rise in body or spirit as you are able***

Announcements

Wayne Burling

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Ring the Bell

***Hymn**

"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"

233 NCH

Lenten Candles

Carol Hall

One: The light which the world tried to extinguish cannot be put out. Today we light the candles again, proclaiming the transforming power of God. As the light returns, we give thanks that God's transforming love has been, is now, and will ever be at work within us. Today we celebrate: new life, new joy, new possibilities. Christ is alive and living among us!

Many: As we light the candles, we acknowledge that there is still pain and suffering in the world, but we place our trust in God and in the way shown by Jesus Christ. In the midst of darkness, there is light. In the pain of death, there is life. In the face of what appear to us to be overwhelming odds, God is at work in us and in the world, working for justice and peace, compassion and love, and life abundant. Christ is risen; Christ is risen in us, for wherever we gather in his name, he is there.

(All candles are re-lit.)

Many: Alleluia, Christ is risen; Christ is risen indeed!

Anthem

"How Great Is Our God"

FCC Choir

Unison Prayer

Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, give us strength and courage to make the changes that are needed in our lives. Open our hearts and minds to your steadfast presence and help us to put our trust in you. Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD

New Testament Reading

John 20:1-18

Wayne Burling

Hymn

"Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child"

136 NCH

Children's Time

children are invited to come forward

Carol Hall

Reflection

"Alleluia"

Carol Hall

***Hymn**

"Christ Rose Up from the Dead"

237 NCH

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

Prayers of the People

Carol Hall

*All are invited to offer a prayer, testimony, praise report or prayer request at this time.
Please limit your sharing to one or two sentences and remember confidentiality issues.*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison) -- Traditional Version

Carol Hall

When we say the Lord's Prayer, please feel free to follow the traditional form or use language that feels comfortable to you, e.g. Mother, Creator, God, Friend, or Realm, Kindom, Wisdom.

Offering this prayer in unison brings us together and the words illustrate our common journey

**Our Father and Mother
Who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kin-dom come.
Thy will be done
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

RESPONDING TO OUR CALLING

Invitation to the Offering (Unison)

Carol Hall

**Jesus calls us to love the poor, the weak, the failed.
Jesus calls us to love the foreigner, the stranger, the unwanted.
Jesus calls us to love people, both friends and opponents.
It is the Lord.
Calling us to take the risk that we will change nothing.
Calling us to step out in deep waters.
Calling us to faith.
It is the Lord. Amen.**

Anthem

"I Will Rise"

FCC Choir

***Doxology**

"Take My Gifts"

562 NCH

*Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
Gave me light and food and shelter, Gave me life and set me free,
Now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away,
Now the bread of love is rising, Loaves of love to multiply!*

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

Wayne Burling

Risen Lord, You love us,
You call us,
You change us.
Let us recognize your coming
However gently or dramatically you approach us.
Let us recognize your coming
Whatever time or situation you use to approach us
Let us recognize your compassionate emergence
Into the dark places of our lives,
Your generous summons which you constantly utter,
Your transforming touch upon the bleak places of our world.
Lord of life, of hope and of resurrection,
We make our prayer in your name, Jesus. Amen.

COMMUNING WITH GOD

***Hymn of Blessing**

"Lord, You Are Welcome"

31 SING

Communion Service

Carol Hall

Communion will be served by intinction in your chairs.
All are Welcome at the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Carol Hall

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

*Hymn of Departure

**“A toi la gloire, o Ressuscite!”
(Yours In the Glory, Resurrected One!)**

253 NCH

*Benediction

Carol Hall

One Go forth with renewed hope,
 Trusting in the transforming love of God.

Many **God does not leave things as they are;
 With God, all things are made new.**

One All creation responds to God's presence;
 The world is alive with possibility.

Many **We open ourselves to this truth;
 With Christ, we trust our whole lives to this power.**

One Nothing is beyond the reach of God;
 Neither evil, nor hardship, nor death.

Many **Christ is risen!
 He is risen indeed.**

Postlude

Steve McGhee

(Please be seated for the Postlude)

Passing the Peace

Share a greeting with your neighbor as we transition to our snack.

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God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



Our Volunteers	Today: April 5 th EASTER	Next Sunday: April 12 th
Usher	Marty Kleino	Jamie Goldsmith
Preaching	Carol Hall	Carol Hall
Worship Leader	Wayne Burling	Orin Brustad
Worship Set-up	Donna Eyster	Margaret Harner
Acolyte	Desayre Penn	Lyle Molter
Friendship Time	Easter Breakfast	Barb Garland
Sunday School	Children will remain in service	Tad Wysor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The beautiful flowers adorning our Easter morning service have been provided by the following:

Glenda Horvath & Kelsie Molter

Steven McGhee

Dawn Rehmels

Pastor Carol Hall

Ivan & Margaret Harner

Wayne Burling

Lorraine Sayles ---- In memory of my dear husband, Ashley Sayles

Patty Sherwood ---- In memory of Kenneth & Nora Kinley, and Wesley & Claire Sherwood

Tad Wysor ---- For the community-building ministries of this church

Donna Eyster

Tiffanie Waldron

Alex & Jamie Goldsmith

Joseph Jackson

John & Barbara Garland

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Our next Council meeting will be held April 6th at 4:30 pm. All are welcome.

CHOIR REHEARSALS: Choir rehearsal this week will be Tuesday at 6:30 PM. Come, join the fun and try it out. We have a great time. Don't need to read music or have trained voice.

PASTORAL CARE EMERGENCIES: If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Glenda Horvath, 734-904-0420

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: kindly remember in your prayers our members and friends who are sick and/or shut-in. Send a card or note to lift their spirits and yours as well.

Fran Pebbles' address: *American Homes Carpenter, 3470 Carpenter Rd., Apt 332, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Phone: 734-975-0987*

Sally Dusbiber's address': *Silver Maples of Chelsea, Room 1211, 100 Silver Maples Dr., Chelsea, MI 48118. Sally's direct phone line is 734-433-2396 and the Silver Maples line is 734-475-4111, x217.*

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY (WICIR): For information about what's happening with Immigrant Rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Margaret Harner at 734-483-3464 or through their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WICIR> .

MICHIGAN OPEN & AFFIRMING COALITION: For information about what's happening with **Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition**, or if you are interested in joining us, please contact Wayne Burling at 734-377-0696. More information can be found on their website <http://www.mi-ona.org> or on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/onami/>

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION: "First Congregational is a co-founding institution of the new local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. The diverse faith congregations and labor and community organizations that make up WeROC are, at our core, focused on intentionally reweaving the frayed fabric of community -- at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated and on our own. We are showing by example that people from many backgrounds and perspectives can, even today, come together in powerful ways around our common values and *actually change* unjust public policies. WeROC is a part of the S.E. Michigan organization MOSES and the national Gamaliel Foundation.
See Tad Wysor (tadwysor@gmail.com, 734 883 3225) for more on how First Congregational is connecting with current WeROC issues and actions.

OUR WEBSITE: <http://www.ypsiucc.org> Let Wayne know if you have any additional items to be added. He could use lots more pictures. Also check out and like our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/First-Congregational-United-Church-of-Christ-Ypsilanti/115695119913> .

KROGER FUNDRAISER: HAVE YOU RE-REGISTERED WITH KROGER!! Everybody that shops at Kroger and has a shopper's card **MUST** register. **Last Year's registration expired May 1st** and you are not getting credit for you purchases until you re-register for the current year.

Go to www.kroger.com and click "**REGISTER**". Follow prompts to register your frequent shopper card number. Then link to the **Community Rewards** site and register with our church. Our number is **83263**, or you can find our name in drop down list. Any questions contact Barbara Garland, bargarland@yahoo.com, 734-662-5803.